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SUBJECT: BAHRAIN: U.S. UNGA FIRST COMMITTEE RESOLUTION ON COMPLIANCE

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[1](#)1. (SBU) Pol/Econ chief October 2 delivered reftel demarche concerning the U.S. UNGA First Committee resolution on compliance to MFA Director for International Organization Affairs Ghassan Shaikho. Shaikho said that Bahrain supports all non-proliferation goals and objectives, including the declaration of a Middle East WMD-free zone. The Arab countries coordinate closely on non-proliferation issues and are concerned about Israel's lack of compliance. He pledged to relay the demarche to the Foreign Minister and the Bahraini Mission in New York.

[1](#)2. (SBU) Shaikho said that if the U.S. called for adoption of the resolution without a formal vote, as was the case with the 2003 resolution, Bahrain would support it without question. In the case of a vote, however, the issue became more problematic and would require coordination with other Arab countries.

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